

## ORDER COMING OUT OF CHAOS

Departments Gradually Solving Problems Caused by Annexation of Territory.

### MEETING TO BE HELD TO-DAY

Important Action Taken Last Night at Special Meeting of Fire Board.

Order is gradually coming out of the chaos caused by the decision of the Supreme Court of Appeals of Virginia suddenly extending the bounds of the City of Richmond. Conferences are being held daily, and last night the Fire Commissioners took important action, looking to the proper protection of the new territory. Heads of city departments will meet today and tomorrow the Fire Commissioners will take up the problem.

Major Clinton McCarthy, City Attorney Henry H. Pollard, City Accountant George S. Crossman, Comptroller of the Revenue O. A. Hawkins, Chairman J. B. Wood of the Council Finance Committee, and Supervisor H. R. Pollard, Jr., will meet in a conference at the City Hall this afternoon at 2 o'clock for the purpose of considering the financial questions raised by the annexation of new territory, and of agreeing upon some procedure by which they may have on hand to be installed at once.

**To Extend Service.**

Chief Puller was also instructed to do what he could, under the existing circumstances, to extend the fire service effectively as possible into the new portion of the city and to make such assignments of fire apparatus as best suits the locality.

Wherever there is water engines and hose wagons will be sent, and where there is no water provision chemical engines will respond, and such other necessary arrangements and assignments as are practicable will be resorted to immediately.

The commissioners, however, left their future plans both to the head of the department as it is at present constituted and to meet the conditions existing over the period of time, and committees were appointed to draw up plans to be considered at a future meeting.

**Bill for East End.**

The citizens of the East End will be meeting Wednesday morning at 6 o'clock, to have the benefit of the time being struck on the fire bell on engine-house No. 1, at Twenty-fifth and Broad Streets. This has been long desired and the board has agreed to withdraw the bell from the old Fire Station, but will for the present have to use the bell they now have. This bell will be struck from 6 A.M. until 9 P.M., inclusive.

**Police Board to Meet.**

The Board of Police Commissioners will meet to-morrow afternoon at 4 o'clock in regular session to dispose of the monthly accumulation of business. All vacancies caused by resignations of two recently appointed officers, and outline plans and estimate the cost of the extension of police services to the newly acquired city.

According to conservative estimates, it is to go to \$10,000 to \$10,000 to provide everything necessary. It is believed that a dozen additional policemen, six of whom will be on duty in one relief, and the other six for the other twelve hours, will be sufficient, but it is especially desirable that they shall be mounted men, by reason of the great range of territory they must cover.

The new salaries of these additional men, plus base horses for them, and for the chief and one extra mount, together with the cost of installing the horses of purchasing twenty-four additional police patrol boxes and the necessary equipment for the work of installing the system, will probably cost something like \$10,000 to \$10,000 each. Stable will have to be built for these, and saddles and bridles purchased. The cost of establishing the patrol boxes will be considerably

**MASONS ELECT OFFICERS.**

Regular Monthly Meeting of Lodge at Crewe Held Last Night.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

CREWE, VA., December 10.—The regular monthly meeting of Crewe Lodge, No. 125, A. F. & A. M., met last night at the usual hour, with T. S. Harlan, worshipful master, in the chair. The following officers for the ensuing year were elected:

Professor S. A. Wood, worshipful master; Captain E. L. Somers, senior warden; R. D. Bond, junior warden; Captain N. W. Newberry, treasurer; W. C. Shuffield, vice-secretary; W. W. Guy, senior deacon; S. E. Graham, junior deacon; E. J. Mariner, elder; Captain W. J. Somers, chaplain.

**THOMAS LECTURES AT RICHMOND COLLEGE**

To reduce stock for inventory, we have put on sale our CHOICE assortment of Oriental Rugs, including Karabagh, Kazak, Daghestan, Shirvan, Shiraz, Kirmanshah, Khiva and Indian.

CUT—CUT—CUT

In Furniture Specialties suitable for Xmas gifts, our offerings are very attractive.

**2 Specials** {Auto Valets, \$15 and up Cellarets, \$12.75 and up

Attention is called to our Parlor Suit Department, where special inducements are offered at this time. See our Ladies' Desks, Morris-Chairs, etc., etc.

**Sydnor & Hundley,** ...LEADERS...

709-711-713 E. Broad.

**Goodwin Carried Off.**

Sheriff J. M. Poston of Charleston, S. C., arrived here yesterday morning with a requisition for Alonso Goodwin, who was arrested in this city charged with complicity in the murder of a penitentiary guard in South Carolina. The sheriff left in the afternoon with his prisoner.

**TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY.**

Take 10 GRANULES BROMO Quinine Tablets Druggist's price 10¢. It fails to cure, E. W. GROVE'S signature is on each box.

and the salaries of the additional men will make up the remainder.

There is no telling how long it will be patrolled on foot, but it is practically impossible to afford the best service without mounted men, in the opinion of the chief.

For the two vacancies to be filled there are twenty-five or more applicants already, with two more days for the list to grow. There appears to be plenty of men who wish the positions, even though five or six of those recently chosen have already quit.

**FIRE PROTECTION IN NEW TERRITORY**

Board Holds Special Meeting and Maps Out Plan for Future.

The Board of Fire Commissioners, at a special meeting held last night, announced preparations for the adequate protection of the newly annexed territory from fire. It was also stated that more complete protection will be provided as soon as possible. Fairmount and those sections where water mains are accessible will be given excellent protection, and the chemical engine will respond to alarms in other sections until water can be installed. The location of additional fire alarm stations was also considered by the board, which is keenly alive to the situation.

Mr. Lawrence, superintendent of the fire alarm service, was directed to proceed at once to extend this service to Fairmount, the East End and the West End, and to map out the plan to be carried out in a few days there will be placed in Fairmount at least one fire alarm station, as will also be the case in the West End, and this service will be extended as soon as the necessary funds are available. The board ordered what they have on hand to be used to be installed at once.

The city must provide for the carrying out of the agreement upon which annexation was made possible, and which is specifically stipulated in the terms of extension by the court.

**Financial Problem.**

The question of the feasibility and desirability of issuing bonds to the amount of twelve per cent. of the value of the added territory, or of the alternative plan of expending \$30,000 out of the current revenue of the old city for the urban equipment of the new territory will be canvassed thoroughly. In the one case the city will be able to impose a tax of \$100 per \$100 after the bond issue, while in the other case only 30 cents on the \$100 can be collected for a period of five years. The conference is purely advisory and prudent rather than executive or legislative, but the recommendations of these committee heads and their officers will carry great weight with the Council.

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